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THANKSGIVING SONG

To you who have shown unto me
  Love's triumph over pain;
To you who teach this truth to me--
  Life means not selfish gain;
To you, the God of higher things,
  The vanquisher of wrong,
I lift my voice to render thanks,
  And praise you in my song.
Thanks to you, God of all,
Who e'en each sparrow's fall
Heed with a mighty care
  For your creations!
Thanks for the budding leaf,
Thanks for the friends you give,
  For life's elation!

E'en for the chastening rod,
Thanks to you, dear God,
If it the need shall be
To shrive the soul of me,
And with a guidance true,
Bring me more near to you!
Thanks for your Savior Son!
Soon may your will be done
On this terrestrial earth,
And its celestial birth
Bring peace divine!
Let every tongue proclaim,
Praise to your Holy Name!
Thanks be to you, dear God!
Thanks be to you!

BLESSED IS LABOUR

Elder Sylvester Q. Cannon
Presiding Bishop of the Church
(From an address delivered at the third session of the Ninety-ninth Semi-annual Conference, in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, Utah, U. S. A., October 6, 1928.)

I have been deeply impressed, my brethren and sisters, by the splendid instructions of the First Presidency and others who have spoken during this conference thus far. I rejoice with you in the favourable conditions which prevail, and the measure of prosperity and progress in evidence among the Latter-day Saints. I realize the vast work that is before us to do. I appreciate the tremendous responsibility that rests upon Latter-day Saints both temporally and spiritually, to accomplish that which the Lord has in view for us. It is incumbent upon every one of us to do our part and to strive to qualify ourselves to accomplish the work assigned us. For the building up of the Church depends, not upon one or two or a few, but upon every one of those who have received the Gospel.

The responsibility is upon each one of us to learn our duty and then endeavour to do it. If we all take part, if we all perform our work, if we all sence that responsibility and endeavour to live up to it, we shall unitedly receive the blessings and the benefits. This great and important work is divine in its nature, and is intended to fulfil a grest destiny. It is to prepare the way for the coming of the Son of Man and the establishment of righteousness, to build up Zion, and to do all those things which the Lord has declared unto us. So it means that every one of the Latter-day Saints, both young and old, should seek to prepare himself or herself to do his or her part, and to achieve the work before us.

I was greatly impressed, as I am sure you were, with the statement made by President Grant, at the opening of this conference, regarding the material achievements of the Latter-day Saints, in one respect alone; and that is the building of meeting houses, amusement halls, and stake houses, during the year 1927, and during the nine months of this year. The Latter-day Saints recognize that material progress and temporal affairs are bound up with the spiritual; and we cannot dissociate one from the other; for they both, temporal and spiritual, affect our welfare. We can not live by the material things alone, neither can we live entirely by the spiritual things.

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When we think of what is required in the way of the building of these meeting houses, which is only one of the activities of the Latter-day Saints--one of the responsibilities which

service of the Lord, while they, at the same time, provide for their families by their own efforts. Among the advantages of this divine plan are that there is developed in them the spirit of service, self-reliance, sympathy, practicality, a desire for knowledge and brotherly kindness. You remember the statements of the Apostles of old--how they laboured. Paul especially declared repeatedly how he had worked for the welfare of the people and yet supported himself. In his epistle to the Corinthian Saints, he says: "We. . . labour, working with our own hands;" and again, to the Thessalonion Saints, he says: "For ye remember, brethren, our labour and travail: for labouring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God."

It is important that everyone should learn the value of hard work. The Lord commanded Adam, and through him, all his descendants, that we should eat our bread in the sweat of our face; or, in other words, by earnest effort, whether we labour physically or mentally. Mental labour is often just as strenuous, and just as important, if not more so, than physical labour. Ordinarily, whether our vocation is chiefly physical or mental in character, we have occasion to use both powers in that which we have to do. Well-balanced development involves sustained physical as well as mental efforts. Paul the Apostle declared: "Be . . . not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord."

Idlers Have No Place in Zion

Soloman says: "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." The Apostle Paul says: "We commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat." And, again: "Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the things which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth." In the revelations which the Lord has given in these times it is declared: "Thou shalt not be idle; for he that is idle shall not eat the bread nor wear the garments of the labourer."

President Brigham Young on one occasion, speaking on this subject, declared: "The non-producer must live on the products of those who labour. There is no other way. If we all labour a few hours a day, we could then spend the remainder of our time in rest and the improvement of our minds. This would give an opportunity to all the children to be educated in the learning of the day and to possess all the wisdom of men." Every member of this Church ought to have some vocation and proceed to do that work with purpose and energy. "Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings;

he shall not stand before mean men." We need to learn the benefits of concentrated effort. Our purpose should be to gain sufficient resources to enable us to give more effective, wholehearted service to the work of the Lord, besides maintaining satisfactorily those dependent upon us.

I would particularly like to stress the idea that we should all willingly and gratefully set apart a considerable portion of the fruits of our labours for the furtherance of God's purposes with respect to mankind. That is a law established of the Lord for our blessing and benefit. It is not sufficient that we should help only in community activities. That is a proper and appropriate thing. We ought to take part in those movements that really promote the community welfare. As a matter of fact, all the things that we are doing which we consider we do for the Lord, are in reality for the welfare of our fellowmen. The tithing which we pay is actually for the benefit of mankind. We dedicate a portion of our means to the Lord to be used by His servants in the promotion of those things that concern mankind--in the preaching of the Gospel of salvation, the building of places of worship for the spiritual training and recreational welfare of all who desire to take advantage of the same, the education of the young people, the help and welfare to those in need, the erection of temples for sacred ordinances, and many other things.

The Apostle declares: "I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." All of these things we ought to do. We ought to be diligent in our labours in order to obtain the greatest material and spiritual advancement, always keeping in mind the counsel of the Lord Jesus Christ: "Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you."

I pray that the Lord may guide each one of us to a sence of our responsibilities, whereby we may strive to qualify in the most effective way to be helpful in the building up of the work of God; in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

--Millennial Star.

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Honest labour bears a lovely face. --Thos. Dekker. Not all the labour of the earth is done by hardened hands. --Will Carleton. If little labour, little are our gaines: Man's fortunes are according to his paines. --Hesperides. No Paines, No Gaines. Taste the joy that springs from labour --Longfellow. A truly American sentiment recognises the dignity of labour and the fact that honour lies in honest toil. --Cleveland. Labour is discovered to be the grand conqueror, enriching and building up nations more surely than the proudest battles. --Channing.

-o MISSION NEWS o-

The Cape District has an optimistic report to make this month. Our work has been successful in spite of the many breaks we have had.

On Wednesday May 1, Elder Vern D. Greene and District President Leroy H. Duncan left Mowbray for a visit to Robertson, C. P. On the same day Elder Wells L. Evans and Elder George C. Maw left for Wellington, C. P. where they showed the slides pertaining to the Book of Mormon.

On Friday May 31, Mission President Don Mack Dalton and Sister Geneve J. Dalton, President of Mission Relief Societies left for the Port Elizabeth and East London Districts respectively.

District President Leroy H. Duncan arrived on May 3, from Robertson where he spent a few days with Brother and Sister Herbst and family. He was pleased to find Brother and Sister Herbst enjoying the blessings of the Gospel.

Elder L. Winslow Hurst, from Ogden, Utah, arrived Monday, May 6, via R. M. S. Walmer Castle. We welcome Elder Hurst and wish him success in his labours.

On Sunday May 12, a special Mother's Day programme was given by the Sunday School in honour of the Mothers of the Mowbray Branch.

President and Sister Dalton arrived from the East London and Port Elizabeth districts on May 15. Elder Vern D. Greene was also with President and Sister Dalton.

The M. I. A. of the Mowbray Branch held Conference May 15. The Restoration of the Aaronic Priesthood was commemorated.

Our local Priesthood met together in Conference on Saturday May 18.

The Mowbray Branch held Conference on Sunday May 19. The Sunday School Conference was very interesting, and much good was obtained from the same. Branch Report Conference and Meeting was held immediately after Sunday School. Sunday Evening General Conference was held and very impressive sermons were given by Brother Thomas Wilson, Elder Vern D. Greene, and Mission President Don Mack Dalton.

Wednesday May 22, Elder A. Kay Berry and Elder Herman J. Smith left for the Johannesburg District. They have been assigned to labour there. We regret to lose Elder Smith and Berry, but wish them success in their new field of labour. Mission President Don Mack Dalton left the same day to hold Conference in Johannesburg and Durban.

John Hendrickson and Annie Vandervalt Hendrickson were baptized by Elder Duncan on May nineteenth. We welcome Brother and Sister Hendrickson into the fold of Christ.

Through an oversight on our part a baptismal service was held last month and was not reported. On April 21, John Jacobus

Holman and Hilda Margaretta Swarts were baptized by Elder Leroy H. Duncan. We welcome Brother Holman and Sister Swarts into the Church.

During this past month the Cape District have distributed 95 Books of Mormon. --Ray W. Ellsworth, Dist. Clerk.

JOHANNESBURG DISTRICT

A very enjoyable Relief Society Social was held at "Ramah", on May 8. Everyone in attendance expressed their joy in being present. The following day, May 9, the elders attended a picnic at Vereeniging as guests of the Engh and Harding families. The day was most enjoyable being spent on the Vaal River.

On May 11 Street Meetings were discontinued pending a new location being obtained.

A baptismal service was held at "Ramah", May 12, at which the following were baptized by Elder O. Layton Alldredge: Sister Kathleen C. Harding, Brother Richard Vernon Smith, Sister Merle Mawreen Vice, and Brother Kenneth Peter Engh.

On May 17, the M. I. A. conducted a concert at which they presented the two act comedy entitled "Mr. Bob". The concert proved a great success from both a social and financial standpoint and we desire to use this medium to thank all those who strove so hard to make it such a success.

The M. I. A. of the Western Branch conducted a social at Waterval on May 22, which proved to be very enjoyable to all who attended. The work in that branch is moving on and we desire to thank those in charge there.

On May 24 Elder A. Kay Berry and Herman J. Smith arrived with President Don Mack Dalton to continue their labours in this district.

District Conference was held at "Ramah" May 26. Sessions were held for the Priesthood, Sunday School, where the pageant on the Restoration of the Aaronic Priesthood was presented. At the Evening Conference, President Dalton was the principal speaker. His remarks were timely and were appreciated by all in attendance. This Conference proved to be the best attended of any in recent years.

PORT ELIZABETH DISTRICT

Our labours in the Port Elizabeth District have been somewhat varied during the month of May. The first four days were spent in preparation for our Semi-annual Conference, held Sunday May 5.

President and Sister Dalton, George Edward, and Elder Vern D. Greene arrived from Cape Town that morning. The attendance at the Conference was good and the spirit of it was felt throughout the branch. We had sixty-four out to the evening meeting.

Monday, May 6, the Mutual held a mis-fit social. Everyone responded in good style.

The Mission rented a car in which President and Sister Dalton and the elders visited Uitenhage Tuesday. After the Relief Siciety Conference that evening, President and Sister Dalton, Elders Greene, Free, and Christensen left for East London. Their stay in East London was a very pleasant and profitable one.

Elder Free and Elder Christensen arrived back in Port Elizabeth on the morning of May 16.

We are sure that the Gospel is spreading in Port Elizabeth. The saints are responding to the Book of Mormon sales and we are hoping for more new members soon.

--Clare B. Christensen, Dist Clerk.

EAST LONDON DISTRICT

District President Charles W. Larson and Elder Thomas Y. Wilson went to King Williams Town on the 1st of May and stayed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Behm who also invited friends of theirs to attend the meeting in the evening. We were very grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Behm for their kind hospitality.

On the 8th May, Mission President Don Mack Dalton, Sister Geneve J. Dalton, George Edward, and Elder Vern. D. Greene, with District President Sheldon R. Free and Elder Clare B. Christensen (from Port Elizabeth District) arrived here for conference. Brother and Sister Charles Jubber very kindly made arrangements so that all could stay at their home. Their kindly act was appreciated by all who were very grateful for the hospitality shown to them by Brother and Sister Jubber.

Wednesday evening, the 8th, instead of holding our usual cottage meeting, which was to be held at Brother and Sister Jubber's home was turned into a social evening to welcome all to East London. On Thursday and Friday evenings we had meetings. All the elders were assigned subjects by President Dalton to speak on for ten minutes--the talks were enjoyed by all who were in attendance.

During Conference time President and Sister Dalton did not have the opportunity of meeting with many of the friends in East London, but those who did have the opportunity (at the Sunday Conference meetings) felt impressed with what they heard, and all have been greatly benefited by their visit.

We all spent a very happy time together during their short stay at East London.

At Sunday School Conference, Brother and Sister Futter's two children were blessed; Nola Cavell Futter was blessed by Dist. President Chas. W. Larson and Temple Duncan Futter was blessed by President Don Mack Dalton.

President and Sister Dalton, George Edward, and Elder Vern D. Greene left for Cape Town by the Monday afternoon train. Dist. President Sheldon R. Free and Elder Clare B. Christensen left for Port Elizabeth by the Wednesday morning train.

On the 16th of May Dist. President Chas. W. Larson and Elder T. Y. Wilson paid another visit to King William's Town. Mr. and Mrs. Behm very kindly put their home at their disposal to hold a meeting in the evening. We had a very good meeting and some present took Books of Mormon to read as they were impressed by what they heard. We were again very grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Behm for getting their friends to come to the meeting and putting their room at our disposal to hold meetings.

--Thomas Y. Wilson, Dist Clerk

KIMBERLEY DISTRICT

On the 4th of May a baptismal service was held where two persons were baptized; Sister Catherine Margrate Fouchee and her son Peter Johannes Fouchee. They were baptized by Elder William B. Holland, in the Kimberley Public Baths.

BLOEMFONTEIN DISTRICT

We regret reporting the death of Sister Edith Maude Spear, daughter of Brother and Sister Clarance B. Spear, who died in the Bloemfontein National Hospital on May 9. The cause of her death was Gangrenous Appendix. The funeral services were held at the Mission Hall the following day under the direction of District President Wm. B. Holland. Internment was at the Hamilton Cemetary. We all feel her loss very much.

We are pleased to report that a son, Sheldon Leroy Coleman, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Coleman on the 26th of May.

Elder William B. Holland has spent a considerable amount of his time in assisting the Scouts with their concert as they are sending four Scouts to England for the Jambouree and one of the chosen is a member of the Church, Brother Charles H. Spear.

The first Hilton Troop of Boy Scouts wish to thank the Relief Societies of the South African Mission for the assistance that they have given them in raising funds for these four young boys to go to England.

Our Relief Society is going on splendidly. On Wednesday, May 28, they held a Cake and Candy sale in the Mission Hall which was a success. There were many saints and friends out.

--Bertram J. Glynn, Dist. Clerk.

DURBAN DISTRICT

We are pleased to report that our work during the past month has been a source of great joy to us. Although our tracting work has been very limited the Gospel message has been carried to many friends and we have had many opportunities of explaining its truths.

The saints and friends are looking forward to meeting President Dalton who will visit Durban shortly. We are preparing to hold our Conference on June 2.

--Bertram C. Cutforth, Dist. Clerk.

HONOUR ROLL

PORT ELIZABETH DISTRICT LEADS!

The spirit of individual missionary work is growing fast. Port Elizabeth District leads with 22 individuals on the "Roll". Some have taken many books, all in all Port Elizabeth have 44 copies of the Book of Mormon out among the people. This is evidently the result of an "up to the minute" branch of people with a testimoney of the work they are called to do.

Cape Town comes in second with seven members on the "Roll" and with 35 copies of the Book of Mormon out. The other districts that have reported are coming along splendidly.

The following are the results of the Book of Mormon "Honour Roll":

PORT ELIZABETH DISTRICT

2	F. Bateman
2	J. Bateman
3	N. P. Cawood
3	R. K. F. Doller
2	P. J. Doller
3	O. G. Doller
2	E Humphries
1	M. Humphries
1	M. Henderson
2	K. Henderson
4	J. McWilliams
3	T. Muller
1	C. Russel
1	A. S. Seaward
1	J. H. Seaward
2	P. H. Seaward
1	M. H. Seaward
2	C. A. Smith
1	V. Smith
2	S. Smith
3	M. Street
2	E. J. VanDerWalt

CAPE DISTRICT

16	W. P. Daniels
6	P. L. Stoman
6	A. K. Banfield
2	George Kehl
2	M. Wilson
2	W. H. Murphy
1	L. J. Swart

JOHANNESBURG DISTRICT

7	F. J. Spear
6	M. H. Engh
1	L. G. Muir
1	F. E. Smith
1	George Cable
1	E. P. Muir

BLOEMFONTEIN DISTRICT

1	D. D. D. Greenberg
1	Olga Hubert

DURBAN DISTRICT

1	L. D. Moore
1	G. A. Sweeney
1	A. Fagan

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BE ON THE BOOK OF MORMON "HONOUR ROLL"

"A TITHING TESTIMONY"

(An editorial taken from June 7, 1928 issue of the Latter-day Saints' Millennial Star.)

The day's work was done. We were resting and chatting on the porch of the house. The towers of the Logan Latter-day Saint temple, on the hill below, were golden from the evening summer sun.

"The architecture of that temple is unusual and impressive," said one of my two guests, both eminent officials of the National Government, and added, "What are, really, the principles of your faith?"

Throughout the long evening I answered his question and set forth the foundations of Latter-day Saint doctrine. At lenght I mentioned the principle of tithing.

"You need not explain tithing to me," said my friend, "for I think I know its merits just as well as you do."

Then, into the twilight, he told his story.

As a life-long employee of the Government he had always had a fixed monthly salary, increasing slowly with the years. Both he and his wife had come from well-to-do homes. Their tastes were such that their income barely sufficed for their wants. When children were born to them, expenses increased, and the income became insufficient to pay the household bills. He and his wife discussed the situation time and again. Budgeting systems and other devices were tried in succession, but with little improvement. They were going behind every month. They were approaching a serious and dangerous condition.

One day, in the midst of his financial distress, he turned to the Bible, and read that Abraham, flushed with victory over his enemies, yet gave tithes to Melchizedek, a "priest of the most high God." As a flash of inspiration the correctness of the principle was borne in upon him. As he searched, he found that the practice of giving tithes had always been taught by the prophets; that it was a divine commandment.

That day he suggested to his wife that, in spite of their obligations, they give a tenth of their income to the Lord. She agreed willingly. When the next monthly salary payment came he handed one-tenth of it to the astonished minister of the church to which he belonged, with the remark that it was the Lord's tenth of his income.

"Since that day," he said, looking gently into the gathering night, "I have never failed to remember my tithing. Just as regularly as my salary comes, I recognize the Lord as the real giver, by returning to Him one-tenth of it."

"Since that day," he answered "we have been able to make our salary cover our wants. I can not tell you just how we have done it. We think it has come about through the blessings of the Lord. We have not had more money, but our family has

been better cared for and we are out of debt. But, of greater worth is the new peace and happiness that we have gained. The inward joy that comes from obedience to God's law is above all earthly price."

My other friend, who had remained silent during this recital, now spoke up.

"He taught me the principle, also; and I tried it. I have now given tithing to my church for many years. From its effect on me, I esteem it no hardship but a blessed privilege."

We parted for the night, refreshed, In my mind lingered the thought, that if a possessor of partial truth, with his narrowed vision of a single principle, can win such blessings for himself, how much more might we gain, who stand in the full light of divine truth; and how much may we lose by forgetfulness of our privileges.

"There is a law, irrevocably decreed in heaven before the foundations of this world, upon which all blessings are predicated and when we obtain any blessing from God, it is by obedience to that law upon which it is predicated."

--President John A. Widtsoe.

RESIGNATION

By Henery Van Dyke

With eager heart and will on fire,
I fought to win my great desire.
"Peace shall be mine," I said; but life
Grew bitter in the endless strife.

My soul was weary, and my pride
Was wounded deep: to Heaven I cried,
"God grant me peace or I must die;"
The dumb stars glittered no reply.

Broken at last, I bowed my head,
Forgetting all myself, and said,
"Whatever comes, His will be done;"
And in that moment peace was won.

PRESIDENT DALTON ILL.

Don Mack Dalton, President of the South African mission is improving rapidly from an operation for Appendicitis. He is in the hospital at Aliwal North under the care of Dr. Wagner. From the word received at the Mission headquarters President Dalton will be leaving for home some time near the first of July to carry on with his duties.

Previous to his operation he had visited the Johannesburg and Durban districts where Conferences were held.

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THE ENDURING REWARD

Few of the pleasures of life can be counted as assets after they have come and gone. Few of its rewards can give lasting satisfaction. But one thing will endure the greed of the years and resist any jealousy that would steal or lessen it, and that is the pride of a good job well done.

Almost every code of conduct or philosophy will narrow down to the doctrine that it is man's business to make himself useful. To confirm such a creed there is plentiful evidence of work to be done that can only be done by men. Responsibilities wait for a man and opportunities challenge him, and the job itself will spur him on when no other inducements can touch him.

We may not know how our work fits into the scheme into which we are born. We do not need to know. But we need to acknowledge that work is our proper business and that we live to be useful. The only enduring reward of which we can be sure is the by-product of such a philosophy.

--Liahona.